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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1-4 and 7-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato (U.S. patent 5,754,745)

Regarding claim 1 and 2 Sato discloses: A communication terminal device comprising: a printer for printing an image (please note Fig.17 item 29, column 21 lines 25-30) an image memory for storing the image to be printed by the printer (please note Fig.17 column 21 lines 15-35) an operation unit for inputting various instructions including interruption (please note Fig.17 item 24 column 21 lines 17-22 and also Fig.18, item 33, column 22 lines 9-18) and a controller for causing the printer to print the image stored in the image memory (please note Fig.17, column 21 lines 15-35) with an interruption condition being maintained (please note column 27 lines 18-26) if no instructions are input from the operation panel for a prescribed period after the interruption is instructed from the operation panel (please note column 28 lines 28-43).

Regarding claim 3 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 1. wherein the controller interrupts printing by the printer if an interruption process needs

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to use the printer and then causes the printer to print according to the interruption process (please note column 21 lines 15-46).

Regarding claim 4 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the controller interrupts printing by the printer if an interruption process needs to use the printer and then causes the printer to print according to the interruption process (please note column 22 lines 19-47).

Regarding claim 7 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party (please note column 8 lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 8 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party (please note column 8 lines 10-15).

Regarding claim 9 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 3, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party (please note column 8 lines 10-21).

Regarding claim 10 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 4, wherein the image stored in the image memory is a facsimile image received from a remote party (please note column 8 lines 22-31).

Regarding claim 11 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer (please note column 21 lines 15-35).

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Regarding claim 12 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer (please note column 17 lines 55-61)

Regarding claim 13 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 3, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer (please note column 21 lines 15-34).

Regarding claim 14 Sato discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 4, wherein the image stored in the image memory is data received from a remote computer (please note column 21 lines 47-57).

Regarding claim 15 Sato discloses: A method comprising the steps of:  
A) Determining whether a predetermined period elapses (please note column 27 lines 19-54) and B) printing image stored in a memory unless prescribed instructions are input for the predetermined period (please note column 28 lines 22-35).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 5-6 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato (U.S. patent 5,754,745) In view of Minamizawa (U.S. patent 6,064,490)

Regarding claim 5 and 16 Sato does not disclose: The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the image stored in

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the image memory if a vacant area in the image memory is less than a predetermined value On the other hand Minamizawa discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 1, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the image stored in the image memory if a vacant area in the image memory is less than a predetermined value (please note column 5 lines 35-48 where Minamizawa teaches the usage of the free space in the memory which is predetermined)

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in art at the time of the invention to modify Sato's invention according to the teaching of Minamizawa, where Minamizawa in the same field of endeavor teaches the way storage medium is design as to not exceed the predetermined value in purpose of making the interruption more accurate.

Regarding claim 6 and 17 Minamizawa discloses: The communication terminal device of claim 2, wherein the controller causes the printer to print the image stored in the image memory if a vacant area in the image memory is less than a predetermined value (please note column 8 lines 25-55).

### **Contact Information**

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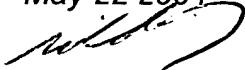
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